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--VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN TOLD THE SAME GROUP THAT RELATIONS COULD IMPROVE ONLY IF "THE SOVIETS THOROUGHLY ACKNOWLEDGE...AND ANNOUNCE TO THE ENTIRE WORLD...ALL THE MISDEEDS THEY HAVE COMMITTED SINCE KHRUSHCHEV'S ARRIVAL."

--ON NOVEMBER 6, A TOP OFFICIAL OF THE CHINESE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS TOLD OTHER JOURNALISTS THAT NORMALIZATION OF SINO-SOVIET TIES WAS IMPOSSIBLE UNLESS THE SOVIETS FIRST "ADMIT THEIR MISTAKES AND REDUCE SUBSTANTIALLY THE NUMBER OF TROOPS ON THE BORDER" TO THE LEVEL OF THE EARLY 1960'S.

6. SOME OBSERVERS, PRIMARILY SOVIET AND EAST EUROPEAN SPOKESMEN, HAVE POINTED TO WHAT THEY SEE AS INDICATORS OF AN IMMINENT "THAW" IN SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS. MOST OF THESE

"SIGNS" APPEAR SPURIOUS (E.G., VICTOR LOUIS' CLAIMS OF A NEW FRIENDLINESS BY SOVIETS AND CHINESE ALONG THE BORDER). A FEW ARE FOUNDED ON FACT, THOUGH IN OUR JUDGMENT EVEN THEY DO NOT SIGNAL A CHANGE IN POLICY BUT RATHER SERVE TO PROMOTE DOMESTIC CHINESE POLITICAL PURPOSES. THESE INCLUDE:

--THE LATE OCTOBER PUBLICATION OF A MEDIA ARTICLE PRAISING LU HSUN, AN EARLY REVOLUTIONARY WRITER, FOR HIS TRANSLATIONS OF FOREIGN REVOLUTIONARY LITERATURE; THE ARTICLE CONFIDENTIAL

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MENTIONS FAVORABLY NOVELS BY SOVIET WRITERS;

--THE NATION-WIDE REPLAY IN LATE OCTOBER AND EARLY NOVEMBER OF A 1939 SOVIET FILM TITLED "LENIN IN OCTOBER"; THE SOUNDTRACK OF PART OF THE FILM WAS BROADCAST TO THE USSR IN RUSSIAN BY NCNA ON NOVEMBER 4.

7. NEITHER THE MEDIA ARTICLE NOR THE FILM DEPARTED FROM CHINA'S CONSISTENT PRAISE OF THE "REVOLUTIONARY" PERIOD OF SOVIET HISTORY UNDER LENIN AND STALIN BEFORE THE "BETRAYAL" OF THE SOVIET REVOLUTION BY THE REVISIONIST POLICIES OF KHRUSHCHEV AND BREZHNEV. THE CHINESE VERSION OF THE FILM, WHICH PORTRAYS STALIN FAVORABLY, IS CURRENTLY OUT OF FAVOR IN THE USSR. THE LU HSUN ARTICLE, WHICH PRAISED EASTERN EUROPEAN REVOLUTIONARY WRITERS WHO FOUGHT AGAINST

RUSSIAN IMPERIALISM, CONTAINED ANTI-SOVIET INNUENDOS.

8. THE PRIMARY AUDIENCE FOR THESE CULTURAL ITEMS APPEARS TO BE DOMESTIC. BOTH REPRESENT ATTEMPTS TO DISCREDIT THE "GANG OF FOUR" IN THEIR CULTURAL BAILIWICK AND SUGGEST THAT MORE LENIENT AND INTERNATIONALIST GUIDELINES WILL REPLACE THE XENOPHOBIC CULTURAL STRICTURES OF THE PAST TEN YEARS. MOREOVER, THE FILM SHOWS LENIN CLEARLY FAVORING STALIN OVER TROTSKY OR BUKHARIN. LIKE ANALOGIES FROM CHINESE HISTORY NOW BEING USED, IT SEEMS DESIGNED TO DISCREDIT LEFTIST CONTENDERS FOR MAO'S MANTLE AND TO PRAISE HUA AS HIS LEGITIMATE SUCCESSOR.

9. FOR USNATO. DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTION TO YOUR PASSING THIS ANALYSIS TO ALLIED DELEGATIONS IF APPROPRIATE. KISSINGER UNQUOTE KISSINGER UNQUOTE KISSINGER.

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